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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent
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- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent
Application No. (A) 07-322121 (CANON INC)
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